

Mollusca found in the Neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

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To the Editors of the Annals of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to forward for insertion in your ‘Annals,’ should you consider the communication of sufficient interest, a list of Mollusca found in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, all of which I have at various times received direct from a correspondent and resident in that city. To those interested in the distribution of the Mollusca the information may be acceptable.

Helix spiriplana, *Olivier.*
 — *Cæsareana*, *Parreys.*
 — *cavata*, *Mousson.*
 — *candidissima*, *Drap.*
 — *Stetzenii*, *Koch.*
 — *striata*, *Drap.*
 — *Boissieri*, *Charpentier.*
 — *figulina*, *Parreys.*
 — *variabilis*, and var., *Drap.*
 — *fimbriata*, *Bourg.*

Helix Syriaca, *Ehrenb.*
 — *Jebusitica*, *Roth.*
 — *tuberculosa*, *Conrad.*
 — *sancta*, *Bourg.*
 — *Erdelii*, *Roth.*
 — *Hierosolymitana*, *Bourg.*
 — *Carthusianella*, *Drap.*
 — *hierochantica*, *Roth.*
 — *aspersa.*

together with a few other species I have not been able to identify.

Bulimus labrosus, *Olivier.*
 — *attenuatus*, *Mousson.*
 — *septemdentatus*, *Roth.*
 — *Aleppinus*, *Pfeiffer.*
 — *Sidoniensis*, *Férussac.*
 — *mucifragus*, *Parreys.*
 — *Sauleyi*, *Bourg.*
Cyclostoma Olivieri, ?
Melanopsis prærosa, *Lam.* Engedi.
 — *Sauleyi*, *Bourg.* Jericho.

Melanopsis costata, *Olivier.* Lake of
 Tiberias.
Melania tuberculata, *Müller.* Ditto.
Clausilia mæsta, *Fér.*
Pupa Rhodia, *Roth.*
Cæcilianella tumulorum.
Tornatellina Hierosolymorum, *Roth.*
Neritina Michonii, *Bourg.*
 — *Jordani*, *Butler.* Lake of Tib.

Unio ?

I would also observe that I have on former occasions received specimens (dead shells) of *Melanopsis*, *Neritina*, &c., that were collected on the shores of the Dead Sea. As most writers on Palestine state that no living animal is to be found in that lake, I inquired of my friend whether his knowledge of the district confirmed or otherwise the generally received opinion? to which the following is his reply:—“No shells are found in the lake itself, or on its margin, except the bleached specimens of *Melanopsis*, *Neritina*, and various *Unionidæ*, which have been washed down by the Jordan, and afterwards drifted on shore. In fact, so intense is the bitter-saline quality of its waters, that no mollusk (nor, so far as I know, any other living creature) can exist in it.”

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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